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SUBJ: SOMALI INTEREST IN PURCHASING BOEING 707

1. ON JUNE 21, LEE WEIDNER, VICE PRESIDENT OF BOEING INTERNATIONAL CORP., ATHENS, CONTACTED EMBASSY ECON/COMM OFFICER TO INFORM EMBASSY OF BOEING'S DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE THE SALE OF A NEW BOEING 707 WITH THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT. WEIDNER SAID THAT SOMALI AIRLINES WAS INTERESTED IN EXPANDING THEIR CAPABILITIES AND WERE THEREFORE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A 707 WHICH HAS A GREATER CARGO CAPABILITY THAN THE PLANES THEY PRESENTLY HAVE. WEIDNER RAISED THE QUESTION OF EXIMBANK FINANCING FOR THIS DEAL, BUT SAID BOEING'S WASHINGTON REPS WOULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS. EMBASSY AGREES WITH WEIDNER THAT, ALTHOUGH THE SALE OF ONE 707 REPRESENTS A RELATIVELY SMALL SALE COSTWISE, IT COULD HELP ENCOURAGE THE SOMALIS TO INCREASE THEIR PURCHASES OF AMERICAN GOODS.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER BRIEFED WEIDNER ON PRESENT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IN SOMALIA AND OFFERED ANY ADDITIONAL HELP HE MAY NEED.
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